

# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE VARIOUS

BOARDS OF TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

# TOWN OF MENDON,

INCLUDING REPORT OF THE

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE

Municipal Year Ending March 1, 1886.

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MILFORD, MASS.:

COOK & SONS, STEAM PRINTERS.





## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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The undersigned, Treasurer of Mendon for the year ending March 1st, 1886, respectfully submits the account of his doings.

He debits himself with the following assets, viz :

Amount received of	
Treasurer for the year 1884.....	\$2410 68
Borrowed on Town notes.....	2000 00
Borrowed on bond.....	700 00
Collector for 1884 .....	134 46
Collector for 1885.....	6334 01
State Treasurer, corporation tax.....	257 71
State Treasurer, National Bank tax.....	507 87
State Treasurer, State aid .....	99 00
State Treasurer, State aid.....	25 00
State Treasurer, income of School Fund.....	210 60
County Treasurer, Dog Fund.....	98 63
For use of telephone to Feb. 1, 1886.....	23 70
Marcus M. Aldrich for use of Town Hall.....	64 00
Dr. Russell for rent of pond .....	50 00
For Town Annals.....	2 75
Austin Wood, interest over-paid .....	3 50
S. Warren Cook, auctioneer's license.....	2 00
Town of Upton, for schooling.....	26 50
Librarian for catalogues.....	65
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	\$12,951 06

He credits himself with the following sums :

PAID	
N. R. George, note and interest.....	\$1026 00
Austin A. Taft, two notes and interest.....	2022 25
112 Town orders.....	6142 04
J. G. Metcalf, two notes and interest.....	518 96
A. C. Thompson, note and interest.....	73 19
N. R. George, interest on note for 1884.....	57 44
Horace S. Aldrich, bond and coupon.....	525 00
J. A. George, two coupons.....	135 00
Austin Wood, coupons .....	35 00
Ann Quigley,       " .....	22 50
Sarah Moffat,     " .....	15 00
A. C. Thompson,   " .....	30 00

Austin Wood, Town bond.....	\$700 00
State tax.....	540 00
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	1108 68
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	\$12,951 06
Bonds now outstanding.....	\$5100 00
Amount paid on Town Debt.....	2070 00
Amount paid interest on notes, and bonds..... ..	390 34
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	\$2460 34

AUSTIN A. TAFT, Treasurer.

Mendon, February 17, 1886.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen respectfully submit the following report of the expenditures of the town for the municipal year ending March 1st, 1886.

### INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Frank C. Wood, killing and burying dog.....	\$ 2 00
Gilbert Gaskill, fence posts at lockup.....	50
G. B. Williams, cash paid for use of telephone.....	60 00
G. B. Williams, cash paid for removal of telephone.....	4 00
G. B. Williams, cash paid postage and mason work.....	1 40
J. A. George, cash paid for fire apparatus and extinguishers	34 69
J. A. George, cash paid for treasurer's account book....	6 50
R. H. Rose, 1 dozen fire extinguishing grenades.....	11 10
Hugh Crawford, watching Comstock fire .....	2 00
Thayer, Babson & Co., chemicals.....	2 55
A. W. Judson, returning 23 deaths.....	5 75
J. W. Harris, repairing stove pipe, record rooms.....	1 37
J. G. Metcalf, insurance of town hall and school houses..	133 69
D. Adams, express, etc., paid.....	8 55
D. Adams, storing fire extinguisher.....	12 00
Milford Mutual Fire Insurance Co., insuring lockup.....	2 50
A. W. Gaskill, cash paid watching Comstock fire .....	1 50
A. W. Gaskill, labor in old cemetery.....	1 80
N. Towne, oil, etc.....	7 11
A. W. Gaskill, cash paid for paint.....	50
Dr. J. Wilmarth, return of births.....	50
	\$300 01

### FUEL AND SUNDRIES FOR TOWN HALL.

L. A. Cook, coal.....	\$37 46
N. Town, oil, etc., to April 1st, 1885.....	6 98
M. M. Aldrich, sundries to April 1st, 1885.....	27 06
M. M. Aldrich, care of hall to April 1st, 1885.....	45 00
Bartlett & Ellis, lantern.....	6 00
A. W. Judson, repairs .....	75
A. W. Gaskill, gravel.....	6 25
	\$129 50

## SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Edward Dixon,	services as Supt. of Schools 1884-5....	\$75 00
Gilbert Gaskill,	“ lockup keeper to Apr. 1, 1885..	3 33
Chas. H. Allen,	“ Assessor for 1885.....	27 68
M. M. Aldrich,	“ Assessor for 1885.....	45 00
E. S. Worthen,	“ Assessor for 1885.....	40 00
D. Adams,	“ Town Clerk, 1885-6.....	21 10
Martin Thayer,	“ Constable, 1885-6.....	16 50
Austin A. Taft,	“ Town Treasurer. 1885-6.....	35 00
Liberty Freeman,	“ Tax Collector, 1884.....	65 00
Liberty Freeman,	“ Selectman, 1885-6.....	22 50
A. W. Gaskill,	“ Selectman, 1885-6.....	22 50
G. B. Williams,	“ Selectman, 1885-6.....	36 80
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		\$410 41

## STATE AID PAID PENSIONERS, CHAP. 301,

## ACTS OF 1879.

John Curley.....	\$48 00
Abigail Mitchell.....	48 00
Michael Foley.....	18 00
James McKenna.....	30 00
Caleb W. Smith.....	3 00
Rufus Hazard.....	1 50
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	\$148 50

## PRINTING.

Cook & Sons, town reports, 1885.....	\$40 00
Cook & Sons, assessors' notices and blanks.....	3 50
L. H. Balcome, memorial sermon, Mrs. Huston.....	9 50
Cook & Sons, collector's bills and posters.....	4 00
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	\$57 00

## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid School Committee, by sixteen town orders drawn in their favor.....	\$2501 62
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## REPAIRS OF ROADS.

Paid Road Commissioners, by seven town orders drawn in their favor.....	\$1030 00
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## SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Overseers of Poor by ten town orders drawn in their favor.....	\$1425 00
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## TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid trustees, three town orders.....	\$140 00
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## RECAPITULATION.

Incidentals .....	\$300 01
Fuel and sundries for town hall.....	129 50
Town officers .....	410 41
State Aid, Chap. 301.....	148 50
Printing .....	57 00
Support of Schools.....	2501 62
Roads .....	1030 00
Poor .....	1425 00
Library .....	140 00
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	\$6142 64

The Selectmen also report that the liabilities of the Town, known to them, are as follows :

Due on bills against the Town, estimated....	\$150 00
Due town officers, estimated .....	160 00
Due school teachers, estimated.....	175 00
Due on town bonds.....	5,100 00
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	\$5,585 00

The available assets, so far as known, are as follows :

Due from Collector, list of 1885.....	\$88 77
Due from State, aid to pensioners, to Jan. 1st, 1885.....	129 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer.....	1,108 68
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	\$1,326 45
Net indebtedness of the Town.....	<hr/>
	\$4,258 55

GUSTAVUS B. WILLIAMS,	} Selectmen of Mendon.
ALBERT W. GASKILL,	
LIBERTY FREEMAN,	

Mendon, Feb. 17th, 1886.

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

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LIBERTY FREEMAN, COLLECTOR FOR 1884.

DR.

Balance uncollected Feb. 16, 1885.....	\$140 77
Interest received.....	6 66
	<hr/> \$147 43

CR.

By cash paid treasurer.....	\$134 46
Abatements .....	12 97
	<hr/> \$147 43

LIBERTY FREEMAN, COLLECTOR FOR 1885.

DR.

Taxes committed for collection.....	\$6903 10
Additional assessments.....	5 92
Interest received.....	38 61
	<hr/> \$6947 63

CR.

By cash paid treasurer.....	\$6334 01
Paid county tax.....	494 00
Abatements .....	30 85
	<hr/> \$6858 86
Balance uncollected Feb. 17, 1886.....	\$88 77

## ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

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The undersigned, Road Commissioners, respectfully submit the following report for the municipal year ending March 1, 1886.

The Commissioners charge themselves with the following sums :

Cash on hand, March 2, 1885 .....	\$57 85
Cash received on town orders.....	1030 00
	\$1087 85

They credit themselves by paying the following bills :

S. P. Cummings, labor.....	\$97 40
H. Moore, labor.....	86 10
H. Crawford, labor.....	57 75
G. A. Staples, labor.....	76 95
C. B. Williams.....	165 70
Gilbert Gaskill, for gravel....	2 80
E. Dudley, gravel.....	2 10
C. Thayer, gravel.....	5 00
W. S. Wilcox, lumber and labor, two bills.....	73 87
A. W. Gaskill, labor and cash paid.....	213 91
Elias T. Bates, " " ".....	63 56
S. H. Taft, " " ".....	91 43
Fred C. Albee, labor.....	3 90
W. J. Taft, labor.....	21 30
O. W. Hill, labor, two bills.....	31 42
P. Norris, labor.....	3 00
Henry Goldthwait, labor.....	24 33
D. Crosby, labor.....	8 70
F. H. Wood, labor and cash paid, three bills.....	89 78
J. C. Wood, labor.....	4 35
Bartlett & Ellis, spikes.....	2 95
	\$1126 30

Balance due Commissioners..... \$38 45.

SAMUEL H. TAFT, }	Commissioners of Mendon.
A. W. GASKILL, }	
ELIAS T. BATES, }	

## OVERSEERS OF POOR REPORT.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the municipal year ending March 1, 1886 :

Lawrence Wilber and Olive Hayward until May 7. and Mary Hayward until October 31, have received a full support. Charles H. Allen. Edna Allen, John Lane and wife. Mary C. Taft, Mary Kirby, Lucretia Albee, Edna French, the families of Jennie Tucker, Daniel Cunningham, Hugh Crawford, Henry Moores, Francis R. Seisco, Daniel D. Davenport, Walter S. Wilson (having a settlement in Mendon), Henry H. Parkhurst and Horace A. Parkhurst (having a settlement in Blackstone), Joseph H. Wood, Hiram Wilson and Anna D. Smith (belonging to Uxbridge), Arneata C. Conant (belonging to Northbridge), C. H. Burnham (belonging to Upton), have received a partial support.

March 15, 1885, the Overseers contracted with Davis Hill to board and take care of all who may require a full support for the year beginning April 1, 1885, for \$3.25 per week, for each person so cared for.

The Overseers charge themselves with the receipt of the following named funds belonging to the town :

Balance from account of last year .....	\$5 10
Ten town orders .....	1425 00
Town of Uxbridge.....	49 00
Town of Blackstone .....	52 00
Town of Upton .....	6 00
Town of Northbridge.....	18 00
	\$1555 10

The Overseers credit themselves with paying the following amounts :

### FOR SUPPORT OF

Lawrence Wilber.....	\$173 49
Olive Hayward.....	78 45
Mary Hayward.....	159 32
Charles H. Allen.....	10 00
Edna Allen.....	78 00
John Lane and wife.....	162 30
Mary C. Taft.....	81 66
Mary Kirby.....	99 00
Lucretia Albee.....	88 56



Edna French.....	\$4 00
Jennie Tucker.....	119 21
Daniel Cunningham.....	86 65
Hugh Crawford.....	5 00
Henry Moores.....	29 50
Francis R. Seisco.....	46 44
Daniel D. Davenport.....	117 00
Walier S. Wilson.....	2 00
Henry H. Parkhurst.....	14 00
Horace A. Parkhurst.....	18 00
Joseph H. Wood.....	39 00
Hiram Wilson.....	5 00
Anna D. Smith.....	47 39
Arneata C. Conant.....	18 00
C. H. Burnham.....	6 00
A. W. Gaskill, wood for tramp house.....	88
Gilbert Gaskill, care of tramps.....	7 20
L. Freeman, postage stamps.....	96
L. Freeman, cash paid out on Martia Burns case.....	4 92
L. Freeman, services as overseer of the poor.....	33 00
Gilbert Gaskill " " ".....	8 00
Edward Dixon " " ".....	6 00

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\$1548 93

Leaving a balance in hands of overseers of.... \$6 17

From the whole amount for support of poor.... \$1548 93

Deduct what was due for the support of paupers  
to March 2, 1885..... 155 61

What has been received from Uxbridge, \$49.00  
less \$26.31 due last year..... 22 69

What is due from Uxbridge..... 52 39

What has been received from Blackstone, \$52  
less \$20 due last year..... 32 00

What has been received from Upton and North-  
bridge..... 24 00

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\$286 69

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\$1262 24

Add what will be due for support of paupers to March  
1, 1886..... 77 62

Cost of supporting the poor for the year ending March  
1, 1886.....\$1339 86

Respectfully submitted.

LIBERTY FREEMAN, }  
GILBERT GASKILL, } Overseers  
EDWARD DIXON, } of the Poor.

Mendon, Feb. 17, 1886.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, Road Commissioners, School Committee and Collector of Taxes of the Town of Mendon, and that of the Treasurer of the Taft Public Library, and find them correctly kept, and with proper vouchers.

JULIUS A. GEORGE,  
ANDREW W. JUDSON,

Auditors.

Mendon, Feb. 17, 1886.

## REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

TOWN OF MENDON TO DAVID ADAMS, DR.

Te express paid on Mass. Reports and other public Documents.....	\$3 05	
To postage paid on Election, Registration and other returns during the year.....	50	
To cash paid Charles H. Whiting, for Record Books and Blanks.....	4 75	
To cash paid for stationery.....	25	
	<hr/>	\$8 55
To services as Clerk of the Board of Registrars.	\$3 00	
To services, State Election and Clerk's Meeting, (2 days).....	4 00	
To recording, indexing and returning 17 births.	8 50	
To recording, indexing and returning 8 marriages.....	1 20	
To recording, indexing and returning 24 deaths.	4 40	
	<hr/>	\$21 10
Received for Dog Licenses during 1885 :		
Male dogs, 57 .....	\$114 00	
Female dogs, 3 .....	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$129 00
Less Clerk's fees.....		12 00
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Balance paid County Treasurer.....		\$117 00

### BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1885.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1885.		
Jan. 8	Lillian Frances Bemis	Frank and Elizabeth Bemis
Feb. 6	Geo. Godfrey Davenport	John L. and Myra A. Davenport
Mar. 2	Isabel Russell	Thomas J. and Jennie M. Russell
Mar. 29	Ormond Arno d Bates	Erwin A. and Jennie Bates
Apr. 12	Mabel Russell Taft	Jonathan R. and Amanda M. Taft
Apr. 13	Lillian Freeman	Liberty and Harriet E. Freeman
Apr. 30	Walter Brown Spooner	Peleg and Abbie Frances Spooner
May 3	Albert Walter Gaskill	Walter A. and Hattie E. Gaskill
May 17	Lillian Louisa Beal	Rufus G. and Emma Beal
Aug. 7	Alphonso Aldrich	Moses and Anna L. Aldrich
Aug. 10	Fannie Belle Gaskill	Jesse and Hannorah G. Gaskill

Aug. 26	Lora Inogene Gabry	Eli Francis and Sarah Frances Gabry
S'pt. 13	Anna Eliza Burnham	Charles H. and Louisa M. Burnham
S'pt. 15	Christine Wood	Edwin F. and Annie H. Wood
S'pt. 17	Jesse Leroy Cook	S. Warren and Ada J. Cook
Nov. 10	Selwyn Francis Southwick	Alonzo L. and Alice M. Southwick
Nov. 21	Andrew Byrne	John and Alice Byrne.

### MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1885.

DATE. 1885.	NAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	RESIDENCE.
Feb'y 23.	Silas A. Staples	Mendon
	Ella A. Newton	Mendon
March 9.	Frank E. Gibson	Uxbridge
	Alice E. Brown	Mendon
June 25.	Thomas Francis Casey	Mendon
	Katie Agnes Kiernan	Uxbridge
Aug'st 26.	Leonard Edwin Taft	Mendon
	Susan Minnie Wilson	Mendon
October 8.	Albert Jennings Congdon	Northbridge
	Annie Arzubah Aldrich	Mendon
Dec'er 17.	Frank H. Wood	Mendon
	Sarah J. Stoddard	Mendon
April 10.	Henry Francis Scisco	Mendon
	Jennie A. Roach	Mendon

### DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1885.

DATE. 1885.	NAME OF DECEASED.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.
Feb'y 3.	Sarah G. Allen	92	Mendon
Feb'y 18.	Phila Taft Staples	86	"
March 15.	Mary Bennett	15	"
April 10.	Fannie W. Gaskill	50	"
May 7.	Olive Hayward	81	"
May 31.	Nancy Hill	82	"
June 6.	Orson R. Wheelock	73	"
June 11.	Mary W. Allen	2	"
June 11.	Lewis Boyden	84	"
June 17.	Deborah Staples	91	"
July 2.	Isabel Russell		"
July 13.	Robert P. Williams	70	"
August 1.	John Lane	72	"
Aug. 27.	John D. Moore	1	"
Sept. 19.	Prisse A. Gaskill	91	"
Sept. 20.	Annie Maria Grady	19	"
Sept. 25.	Dulcena Spaulding	79	"
Oct. 1.	Susan M. Richardson	48	"
Oct. 30.	Mary Hayward	84	"
Oct. 4.	Ellen Bates	74	"
Sept. 17.	Jesse Leroy Cook		"
Dec. 1.	Fred W. Bates	20	"
Dec. 7.	Albert W. Gaskill		"
Dec. 15.	Mary S. F. Slocum	65	"

DAVID ADAMS, Town Clerk.

Mendon, Feb. 15, 1886.

## TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

### FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Trustees would report the continued successful working of the Library. It furnishes not only instruction and desirable reading for all, but it certainly furnishes a source of information that is a powerful auxiliary to our Public Schools, and the influence of which will be felt in the future of the youth growing up in our midst, and those who shall come after them — an influence that will be an ever-fresh testimonial to the enlightened generosity of the founder of this institution, and those who have added thereto.

In the exercise of the discretion in the matter given them by the Town, the Trustees caused, at small expense, the sermon of Rev. Carlton A. Staples, commemorative of Mrs. Huston, to be printed, and copies are ready for distribution to those citizens who have not already received them.

By reference to the Librarian's report it will be seen that there was a decrease in the circulation of books the past year, from that of 1884, of 221 volumes: but the number of borrowers decreased from 315 to 284 — a decrease accounted for by, and corresponding very closely in proportion to, our loss of population by removals. Those parties who have recently left town were nearly all patrons of the Library. The average number of books taken by each borrower was as great the past year as in any previous year. That there has been an increase in the per cent. of novels borrowed is not surprising, when it is remembered that a large portion of the new books purchased for the Library each year are works of fiction. This class of books is demanded by a large number of those who patronize the Library. The purchasing committee solicit lists of books desired from all who have any special preferences, and gratify them as far as possible with the means available. It is hoped that all find books on the shelves of the Library adapted to their wants and tastes.

The Librarian has attended to her duties in a manner highly satisfactory to the Trustees, and they deem themselves fortunate to have secured her services for the ensuing year.

The generous donors referred to in the librarian's report, are tendered the thanks of our citizens.

The annual examination of the books by the Trustees, was

made Feb. 9. The books were all accounted for, and the library ordered to be re-opened Feb. 13, 1886.

The appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars for the ensuing year is recommended.

JULIUS A. GEORGE,	}	Trustees Taft Public Library.
HORACE C. ADAMS,		
GUSTAVUS B. WILLIAMS,		
EDWARD DIXON,		

Mendon, Feb. 13, 1886.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY:

The fifth annual report of the state of the library, is hereby respectfully submitted for your consideration.

The library opened for the delivery of books Feb. 14, 1885. The circulation for the library year was 4557—221 less than last year. The number of persons taking books was 284.

The books distributed were classed as follows: Agriculture, 18; Biography, 188; History, 259; Travel, 267; Education, 34; Poetry, 29; Miscellaneous, 99; Novels, 3239; Periodicals, 424.

Seventy-one per cent. of those taken were works of fiction, and nine per cent. were periodicals. The average number borrowed each library day, was a fraction less than 88. The smallest number taken any day was 70, and the largest number 111. The additions to the library from all sources during the year, were 126 volumes. Of these, 68 were purchased, 28 were donated, and 30 volumes of periodicals were bound (from a gift of last year)

The number of books in the library, is 2257.

Mrs. N. L. Hooper of Fall River, formerly a citizen of Mendon, and friend of the late Mrs. Huston, kindly gave 24 volumes. Three volumes and one pamphlet were given by Henry Pierce; 1 volume by E. Richardson of Woonsocket, through A. V. Pond; 6 pamphlets by Dept. of Interior; 45 pamphlets by Hon. Theo. Lyman; 2 pamphlets by Hon. F. D. Ely. The Shaker societies have continued to send their magazine, "The Manifesto." Agreeably to the 7th rule, the books were called in for the annual examination the first Saturday of February, and every book was returned at that time. Fines for the detention of books and cards sold, amount to \$5.86. Fifty cents in fines is still due.

Few books have been taken for reading and reference in the library room; also under special rules.

Several books need new binding, and more shelf room is required.

MARY E. DUDLEY, Librarian.

Mendon, February 8, 1886.



## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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The undersigned, Treasurer of the Trustees of the Taft Public Library, respectfully submits the following report for the year ending February 7, 1886.

### DR.

To cash received of Samuel H. Taft, Treasurer for 1884.	\$ 12 10
Three Town orders.....	140 00
M. E. Dudley, for fines, etc.....	5 86
	\$157 96

### CR.

<b>PAID</b>	
W. B. Clarke & Carruth for books.....	\$62 38
S. E. Cassino & Co., for books.....	18 00
M. D. Marcy, for binding.....	15 75
M. E. Dudley, for sundries, etc.....	4 20
M. E. Dudley, for services as Librarian.....	50 00
Cash on hand.....	7 63
	\$157 96

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE C. ADAMS, Treasurer.

Mendon, February 13, 1886.

Examined, found correct, and with proper vouchers.

EDWARD DIXON, }  
G. B. WILLIAMS, } Auditors.



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
AND  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF MENDON,  
FOR THE  
YEAR 1885-86.

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MILFORD, MASS.:  
MILFORD JOURNAL STEAM JOB PRINT.



## REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The following report of the school expenditures for the year is respectfully submitted.

### DR.

To Town orders drawn for school purposes...	\$2501 62	
To Cash in Home National Bank.....	165 31	
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### CR.

Instruction, fuel and care of rooms .....	\$1780 79	
School books and supplies .....	243 29	
Incidentals .....	401 22	
Cash in Home National Bank.....	241 63	
	<hr/>	\$2666 93

### OLD BILLS.

Mary E. Dudley .....	\$84 00	
Cora E. Gaskill .....	84 00	
Mary L. Taft.....	91 00	
N. Currier.....	180 00	
	<hr/>	\$439 00

### NORTH.

Mary L. Taft, two bills.....	\$108 00
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### CENTRE—PRIMARY AND GRAMMAR.

Sarah L. Bennett, two bills .....	\$162 00	
Mary E. Dudley, three bills.....	189 00	
Edward Dixon, 2½ cords of wood.....	7 87	
Edward Dixon, cleaning rooms.....	3 50	
M. M. Aldrich, for wood.....	10 00	
W. E. Dixon, care of fires.....	6 00	
W. E. Dixon, sawing wood .....	6 37	
	<hr/>	\$384 74

### SOUTH.

Mary A. Barrows, three bills.....	\$160 00	
Mary A. Barrows, care of fire.....	4 00	
Lowell C. Cook, wood and fitting same.....	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$171 00

## EAST.

Cora E. Gaskill, three bills.....	\$200 00	
Frederick Bates, wood and fitting same.....	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$210 00

## WEST.

Lottie T. Cornwell, two bills.....	\$95 00	
Frank H. Wood, wood and fitting same.....	6 50	
	<hr/>	\$101 50

## ALBEEVILLE.

Dora Taft, two bills.....	\$114 00	
S. H. Taft, wood and fitting same.....	12 55	
	<hr/>	\$126 55

## HIGH.

O. C. B. Nason, two bills.....	\$180 00	
Volney Skinner, one bill.....	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$240 00

## INCIDENTALS.

Cook & Sons, diplomas.....	\$6 00
David Adams, expenses of G. A. Walton.....	4 75
Julius A. George, two stoves and pipe.....	14 81
Knight, Adams & Co., labels.....	1 15
C. W. Bardeen, supplies for High school.....	2 40
C. H. Allen, taking census of scholars.....	1 50
Gilbert Gaskill, digging well, No. 1.....	92 75
A. G. Chilson, varnishing furniture, No. 2.....	13 75
A. P. Scribner, express.....	2 70
M. Cunningham, labor.....	50
King & Merrill, supplies.....	5 40
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., supplies.....	31 50
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., map, No. 1.....	3 00
S. W. Ferguson, blackboards.....	15 00
Frank H. French, repairing clocks.....	2 00
F. M. Ambrose, supplies.....	6 64
King & Merrill, supplies, No. 2.....	3 60
King & Merrill, supplies, No. 4.....	1 00
King & Merrill, globe.....	5 00
Bartlett & Ellis, supplies.....	19 70
Edward Dixon, labor and supplies, No. 2.....	4 00
Samuel H. Taft, repairs and supplies, No. 6.....	1 25
Frederick Bates, " " No. 4.....	1 75
Edward Dixon, " " No. 2.....	1 00
J. W. Harris, " " No. 2.....	2 00
Lowell C. Cook, " " No. 3.....	70 68
Frank H. Wood, " " No. 5.....	50 65

J. W. Harris, supplies, No. 2.....	\$2 58
Edward Dixon, services as school book agent.....	25 00
Edward Dixon, fare to Boston and postage.....	2 16
Edward L. Smith, use of well for No. 2 .....	7 00
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	\$401 22

A careful inspection of the financial statement contained in the Superintendent's report, will show that the town appropriations for support of schools last year has been expended; for if we had received no money for out-of-town scholars, the balance remaining in the treasury would be smaller this year than last. Under the present organization of our schools, and with the same length of school year, we do not see how they can be supported for a less sum this year. We therefore ask for the same amount as was appropriated last year.

According to law, the committee has furnished scholars all necessary text books and supplies, at the cost of the town.

There has not been one text book purchased from the town this year.

It was thought best not to put the town to the expense of printing the school book account in detail, as was done last year. but, instead, to abbreviate it and place the agent's books at the disposal of any citizen who would like to examine his account with the different schools. We ask for an appropriation of \$200 for text books and supplies this year.

We regret to say that toward the end of the year Mr. Samuel H. Taft, who has served the town on the Board of School Committee so efficiently for the past ten years, tendered his resignation, which was reluctantly accepted by the committee. Being so near the end of the year, it was not deemed advisable to appoint anybody to the vacancy.

For the Committee,

EDWARD DIXON, Treasurer.

FRANK H. WOOD, Chairman,

EDWARD DIXON, Secretary,

WILLIAM W. NELSON,

FREDERICK BATES,

LOWELL C. COOK,

School Committee.

## SCHOOL BOOK AGENT'S REPORT.

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To the School Committee of Mendon :

GENTLEMEN :—I herewith submit the school book account for the year :

Dr.

To books and supplies on hand May 1, '85....	\$100 10	
To books and supplies purchased this year....	243 33	
	-----	\$343 43

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By books and supplies furnished :

High school.....	\$121 42	
Grammar school.....	33 07	
Primary school.....	26 22	
North school.....	38 63	
South school.....	20 12	
East school.....	28 66	
West school.....	19 73	
Albeeville school.....	17 52	
Practice drawing paper, \$1.80 ; erasers, \$1.50 ; sponges, \$2.00 ; writing paper, \$1.05 ; draw- ing paper, \$5.12 ; for all schools.....	11 47	
Pens and one bottle of ink for selectmen.....	73	
Books and supplies on hand.....	25 86	
		\$343 43

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### BOOKS AND SUPPLIES ON HAND.

One Franklin new fifth reader.....	70
One Franklin adv. third reader.....	40
Four Franklin adv. second readers.....	1 20
Eleven Franklin adv. first readers.....	1 83
Three Franklin fourth readers.....	1 35
Fourteen Franklin third readers.....	4 90
Ten Franklin second readers.....	2 50
Two Franklin first readers.....	30
Four English Grammars.....	2 20
One McGuffey's speller.....	15
Two doz. Penmanship.....	2 00

Two doz. No. 4 drawing books.....	\$2 92	
Three doz. No. 3 drawing books.....	2 00	
Four doz. rulers.....	58	
Four bottles of ink.....	1 20	
Two bottles of ink.....	71	
Three slates.....	15	
Three slates.....	12	
Paper )	50	
and ) furnished school committee.....		
Ink )	15	
	<hr/>	\$25 86
EDWARD DIXON, Agent.		

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF MENDON:—Time's onward march again makes it necessary that the annual school report shall be submitted for your consideration. It is presented with the conviction that, on the whole, the year about to close has witnessed as great a degree of advancement as any year of late has marked. It would be difficult to measure with exactness the increase of prosperity during the year, but I have the assurance that there has been a good, healthy progress, and believe that on inspection our schools will compare favorably in work done, with those of other small towns and with those of the same grade in larger towns.

Our teachers, as a rule, are progressive and very readily adopt improved methods.

From term to term existing faults in the work and government of the schools are found, which are corrected when possible: but sometimes the remedy is in the hands of the parents, and then we need their co-operation, which is not always easy to secure.

The advantages our schools afford children ought to be thoroughly appreciated by every parent, and they should take an interest in the work of the school board and co-operate with its members in making the schools as good as possible. They should see that their children, when in good health and members of a school, attend every day, and, in case of any "unpleasantness," should give the subject their *personal* attention. It is hardly just to form conclusions without making any investigations.

The record of Attendance and Roll of Honor will be considered up to the 16th inst., the Grammar, Albeeville and West schools each having three days, the North eight days, and the High four weeks and three days, longer to keep. Thus the report is, of necessity, an incomplete statement of the condition of our schools for the year; but in order that it may be printed with the annual town report, it is necessary to prepare it now. The term of school (High excepted) of the different districts ought to be so regulated that the Superintendent should have at least a week, after they are all finished and the registers collected, in which to prepare his report for publication.

In the Spring term our schools were visited by Mr. Geo. A. Walton, agent of the State Board of Education. His criticisms of the work done in the different schools, were productive of much good to our teachers.

In the Fall term a teachers' institute was held, under the aus-



pices of the State Board of Education. Over two hundred teachers and friends of education from the surrounding towns were present to witness the exercises. In these institutes the best methods of teaching the common school studies are presented, and teachers who attend them seldom fail to obtain ideas which are a benefit to themselves and their pupils. Our teachers were given the day to attend the institute, and the best interests of the town were served in their doing so.

#### ATTENDANCE, ETC.

The whole number of scholars enrolled, is twenty-four less than last year; but as many have left town since the commencement of the year, the actual number now in all the schools is much less. The difference in the number of scholars in each school, this year and last, will be found on another page. The highest yearly percentage was in the Grammar and East schools, being 96 per cent. in each. The smallest yearly percentage of attendance was in the North school, being (approximately) 85 per cent. The percentage of attendance for the year, compared with the corresponding terms of last year, is the same. The number of tardy marks has decreased 31 per cent., while the roll of honor has decreased only 18 per cent. The supply of diplomas having been exhausted in the Fall term, a number sufficient for several years was purchased under vote of committee.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

Exhibiting the names of scholars who have attended school one or more terms without being absent or tardy.

*HIGH SCHOOL.*

## FALL TERM.

Clifton E. Bates.

## WINTER TERM.

William L. Beals,  
W. Edward Dixon,  
Minnie D. Gaskill,  
C. C. P. Hastings,  
Evelyn J. Nutter,  
Annie Quigley,  
Grace F. Smith,  
John M. Towne,  
One Year—\*Percy T. Kinsley.  
Two Years—\*Fred. H. Brown.

Fred H. Brown,  
Franklin Freeman,  
Moses W. Gaskill,  
Percy T. Kinsley,  
Jennie L. Nutter,  
Annie Scriven,  
Grace Taft,  
Bessie W. Wilcox.

*GRAMMAR SCHOOL.*

## SPRING TERM.

John M. Towne,  
Nelly M. Kelly,  
Jennie L. Nutter,

Harold Wheeler,  
Sarah J. Kelly.

## FALL TERM.

Newton J. Nutter,  
Annie Quigley,  
Abigail Taft,

Harold Wheeler,  
Mary Staples.

## WINTER TERM.

Alfred T. Dixon,  
Lena Wheeler,  
Harold Wheeler,  
Florence Snow,

Joseph Dudley,  
Morton Holbrook,  
Newton J. Nutter,  
Mary Staples.

One Year—Harold Wheeler.  
Two Years—Florence Snow.

*PRIMARY SCHOOL.*

## SPRING TERM.

Iola M. Wheeler,  
Jerry Driscoll,  
Morton A. Holbrook,  
Norman E. Wheeler,

Harry Dixon,  
Everett F. Darling,  
Ernest L. Tucker.

## FALL TERM.

Bertha E. Hastings,  
Ethel Williams,  
Everett F. Darling,

Clare W. Hastings,  
Lillie B. Wheeler,  
Jerry Driscoll.

## WINTER TERM.

Bertha E. Hastings,  
Lillie B. Wheeler,  
Harry C. Dixon,  
Jerry Driscoll,  
Archibald Gunn,  
Walter F. Towne,

Sabrey N. Moores,  
Fred H. Crawford,  
Everett F. Darling,  
Edward E. Gunn,  
Clarence H. Moores,  
Paul F. Wheeler.

One Year—Jerry Driscoll.

Two Years—Everett F. Darling.

*NORTH SCHOOL.*

## SPRING TERM.

Alice Quigley,  
J. Grace Taft,  
Mabel P. Ballou,  
A. Dwight Davenport,  
Ora P. Davenport,

Grace Darling,  
Julia Grady,  
Mary E. Foley,  
John Grady.

## FALL TERM.

Alice Quigley,  
Ora P. Davenport,

A. Dwight Davenport,  
Willie Warner.

## WINTER TERM.

Joseph H. Lury,  
Ora P. Davenport,  
Two Years—Ora P. Davenport.

James Powers.

*SOUTH SCHOOL.*

## SPRING TERM.

Jessie E. Cook,  
Solon Parkhurst,  
Willie Martin,

Grace C. Cook,  
Horace Parkhurst.

## FALL TERM.

Ida M. Barrows,  
Willie Martin,

Irving E. Pearson,  
Harry J. Martin.

## WINTER TERM.

Francis A. Bebo,  
Harry J. Martin,  
One Year—Willie Martin.

Willie Martin.

*EAST SCHOOL.*

## SPRING TERM.

Waldo A. Rockwood,  
Anna M. Staples,

William Rockwood.

## FALL TERM.

Jessie L. Bates,  
Frank G. Collins,  
Waldo A. Rockwood,

John D. Bates,  
Oscar A. Newhall,  
George A. Rockwood,

William Rockwood,  
Annie E. Collins,  
Sallie S. Collins,  
Bertha V. Horton,  
Anna M. Staples,

Arthur B. Sprague,  
Grace E. Collins,  
Hannah S. Gaskill,  
Bertha L. Sprague,  
Alzie R. Staples.

## WINTER TERM.

Jessie L. Bates,  
Waldo A. Rockwood,  
Hannah S. Gaskill,  
One Year—Waldo A. Rockwood.

Oscar A. Newhall,  
Sallie S. Collins,  
Marion E. Howe.

*ALBEEVILLE SCHOOL.*

## SPRING TERM.

Bertha Albee,  
Estine Taft,  
F. Ina Taft,

Cora Taft,  
Hattie Albee.

## FALL TERM.

Bertha Albee,  
Hattie Albee,  
F. Ina Taft.  
Mason F. Kinsley,

Cora Taft,  
Estine Taft,  
James H. Morris.

## WINTER TERM.

Bertha Albee,  
Estine Taft,  
One Year—Bertha Albee, Estine Taft, Hattie Albee.  
Two Years—Cora Taft.

Cora Taft,  
Hattie Albee.

*WEST SCHOOL.*

## FALL TERM.

Waldo Thayer.

## WINTER TERM.

Josephine Burnham,

Mary L. Wood.

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\*In Grammar School until this term.

## STUDIES.

The importance of good Reading, is fully recognized by our teachers ; and instead of the old method of teaching children to read a letter at a time and drawl out each word in a listless and misunderstanding manner, the teachers endeavor to have their scholars read intelligently and without hesitation, first teaching words that stand for ideas, instead of letters that, to the young scholar, represent incomprehensible sounds. The supplementary Readers have been of great assistance to them in this work, as they furnished the younger scholars with more extensive reading of the same grade.

In Penmanship, there has been a decided improvement this year, and the same may be said of Drawing.

The results obtained by the study of Arithmetic, are not at all satisfactory. More time is probably devoted to this study than to any other, and scholars pass the poorest examination in it. We are too apt to hurry scholars, instead of giving them time to master one subject before proceeding to the next, which may require still greater mental development. The teachers are, no doubt, somewhat influenced by the desire of parents to have their children advance rapidly in their books ; but the knowledge one has acquired of any study pursued, cannot be measured by the number of pages he has gone over. There is an opportunity for great improvement in this study.

The results obtained from the study of Grammar, are also unsatisfactory. The work is not made practical enough. A scholar may analyze a fairly difficult sentence and parse any word in it ; but if called upon to construct an original sentence of equal difficulty, he is as likely to fail as to succeed in performing it correctly. Technical Grammar is taught too soon, and the young scholars, being obliged to learn hard, dry, incomprehensible rules, very soon develop a dislike for the subject which often clings to them as long as they remain in school. There is no better way to teach children Language, than to have them make use of it both in oral and written exercises. Language lessons should take the place of technical Grammar, until a child is at least twelve years old.

The plan adopted this year of teaching U. S. History as a reading lesson has proved quite successful, the Eclectic Primary History used for the purpose being well adapted to our Grammar grades. Geography is generally well taught, and in written examinations scholars usually reach the highest per cent. in this study. Commendable progress has been made in Map Drawing.

In accordance with the law passed at the last session of the Legislature, Physiology has been added to our curriculum, which now consists of Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Spelling, Geography, Grammar, Drawing, U. S. History and Physiology. These studies are all required by law. This science is taught orally, so is not a very severe tax on the pupil's mind. The elementary princi-

ples of other sciences might in this way be profitably taught our young scholars, thus tending to a more general cultivation of their faculties.

### HIGH SCHOOL.

This school was taught in the Fall term by Mr. Nason, of Woonsocket, a graduate of Brown University. At the end of the Fall term he resigned, and the school committee secured the services of Mr. Volney Skinner, of Watertown, another graduate of Brown, for the Winter term. Under his direction, the scholars are doing good work in their studies. Mr. Skinner evinces a genuine interest in his work, and labors hard for the welfare of his scholars.

There are thirty-six pupils enrolled, of whom seventeen come from the outer districts. Since the school was established there have been five years when the school was larger, eight years when it was smaller, and two years when it contained the same number of scholars as at present. Comparing the cost per scholar with that of a decade ago, and using the number of scholars now in the school (36) for this year's basis, we have the following: In 1875-1876. number of scholars. 39; teacher's wages. \$480; cost per scholar, \$12.56. Teacher's wages this year, \$360; number of scholars, 36; cost per scholar, \$10.

In the Fall term, although the class did not enter this school as heretofore, it was brought together in the Grammar school where, under the excellent instruction of Miss Bennett, the members received a much better training than they would have received in the High school, of which they virtually formed a part. This arrangement, for obvious reasons, was a great advantage (which might have been better improved) to the High school in the Fall term, and by it the number of classes was kept down to ten this winter.

This school has been maintained by the town for eighteen years, and its beneficent work has been, and still is, recognized by all those interested in the education of the children of this town. A school that is composed of the best scholars from the different district schools, as this one is, cannot but be an advantageous one. It not only benefits the scholars in it, but acts as an incentive to greater efforts on the part of those who remain in the other schools, to advance in their studies, so that, in due time, they, too, may reach the distinction of being High school scholars.

All the class that entered this year, were required to take three studies besides miscellaneous work. Some of the pupils who were prepared to enter the Latin class already formed, were permitted to make that study a fourth one, with the understanding that if one was dropped it should be the Latin.

Owing to the admittance of this large class and the re-arrangement of the classes this term, the expense for books has been great. It is time the school committee laid out a course of study for this



school that should be strictly adhered to. We have books sufficient for large classes in the following studies: Reading, United States History, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Book-keeping, English Grammar, Rhetoric, Latin, Physical Geography, Physiology and Natural Philosophy. With the addition of Civil Government, this list would seem to embrace as many studies as can profitably be taught in a school like this.

### GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The committee were very fortunate in securing so competent a teacher for this school as Miss Bennett proved to be. A lady of superior intellect, an excellent disciplinarian and a zealous worker in her profession, she enjoyed the full confidence of her scholars, as well as parents and committee, and remarkable progress was made by her pupils. A large class from the North school entered the Grammar in the Fall term, making new demands on the teacher, which were fully met, and this term was even more profitable than the Spring term. Miss Bennett's resignation was greatly to be regretted; but the need of rest, with the prospect of a better situation in the Spring, caused her to take that step.

Miss M. F. Briggs, of Mattapoisett, Mass., a graduate of Bridgewater Normal school, was engaged for the Winter term. Her methods of teaching were similar to those employed by Miss Bennett, so a good opportunity was afforded the scholars to advance in their studies this Winter.

A class of eighteen left this school at the end of the Fall term, and entered the High this Winter; so it would be difficult to give a fair comparison of the work done this term, with that of the two preceding.

### PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Miss Mary E. Dudley has taught this school throughout the year, in a very commendable manner. Her methods of teaching are constantly improving, and work is now done in this school that would not have been attempted several years ago. She has the love and confidence of all her scholars, and no school in town has done better work than has been done here.

### NORTH SCHOOL.

Miss Mary L. Taft has had charge of this school during the year. It is probably the hardest school (High excepted) to discipline in town. Miss Taft has succeeded well in this respect, and it is in this that many fail; and all things considered, her school has made praiseworthy progress. But the same difficulty existed this year as last, the non-attendance of scholars. No teacher can do herself justice, unless parents send their children to school regularly.

## SOUTH SCHOOL.

This school has been in charge of Mrs. Mary A. Barrows during the year. It was taught in a much more satisfactory manner than last year. There is no doubt that this school has been interfered with in an unlawful manner, at different times during the year, and if the teacher makes a formal complaint to the committee they should, by administering a wholesome lesson to those who disturb the school, protect her in the discharge of her duties from further insult.

## EAST SCHOOL.

Miss Cora E. Gaskill has taught this school through the year, to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. I can only speak of this school in words of praise, and sincerely hope the great interest which the people of this part of the town evince in their school will not in the future diminish, for while it lasts they cannot have a poor school.

## WEST SCHOOL.

Miss Lottie F. Cornwell has had charge of this school for the year. It is to be regretted the excellent teacher of last year could not have been retained, but a larger salary drew her elsewhere. There are some bright children in this school, and, on the whole, fair progress has been made.

## ALBEEVILLE SCHOOL.

Miss Dora Taft has had charge of this school during the year, and the scholars under her have made commendable progress in their studies throughout the year. This school, which until lately was considered our largest school, is now the smallest in town.

## APPARATUS.

Under the law which gives the school committee authority to appropriate 25 per cent. of the State School fund for the purchase of maps, etc., I have, after consulting with the committee, purchased some necessary maps and supplementary readers, and a desk copy of "White's Oral Lessons" for each school. They have been used a great deal through the year, with good results.

## TEXT BOOKS.

I would report that the text books furnished by the town have been kept in good condition, and that all the books furnished the scholars this year and last were in the school this Winter term, none having been worn out or lost; that there has been no difficulty in having scholars use books which had been used by other scholars, and that the law works successfully, to the benefit of our schools.



## COST OF SCHOOLS.

The decreasing number of scholars in town has raised the inquiry, whether the cost of instruction per scholar is not considerably more now than it was, say ten years ago, when the schools were larger. The following table will show the cost per year for each scholar, the average number of scholars and the average wages per month paid teacher this year, and also for the year ending April 30, 1876.

SCHOOLS.	Average Number of Scholars 1876.		Average Number of Scholars, 1886.	Average Wages Paid Teachers per Month, 1876.	Average Wages Paid Teachers per Month, 1886.	Average Cost per Scholar, 1876.	Average Cost per Scholar, 1886.
North.	30	22		\$40 73	\$25 60	\$9 56	\$8 73
Primary.	41	32		34 71	25 20	5 92	6 29
Grammar.	33	24		41 78	34 57	8 86	10 08
South.	13	14		28 71	21 33	15 46	11 43
East.	24	23		34 28	26 66	10 00	8 58
West.	11	14		24 00	20 00	15 37	10 71
Albeeville.	32	14		33 71	25 46	7 37	13 28

## SCHOOL HOUSES.

The South school house has been newly shingled, and the interior has received a coat of paint and whitewash and some necessary repairs.

The West school room has been enlarged by removing the partition between it and the entry, and some other necessary improvements made.

In the Centre room, the furniture has been re-varnished and coal stoves put in for the Winter term, as the rooms could not be sufficiently warmed by the wood stoves.

A well, for which the town made a special appropriation, has been dug for the use of the North school,

The East school house needs repairing on the west side badly. The recitation bench is on this side of the school room, and cold westerly winds blow through open cracks in the side of the school house directly on to the scholars, and expose them to the risk of taking cold.

The interior of the Albeeville school house needs renovating. Some method of ventilating the school rooms should be adopted, as bad air is the rule rather than the exception.

## CONCLUSION.

The methods of teaching the different studies in our schools should be more uniform, and to this end would suggest that all teachers be required to attend a teachers' meeting, held under direction of the school committee, some day before the commencement of each term, and that the best methods of teaching the different subjects there presented should be adopted by all the teachers.

Our method of electing teachers should be changed. Each teacher should be elected by the committee as a board. Our present method, so I am informed on good authority, is illegal.

Monthly reports should be used in all the schools, as they would keep the parents informed of the progress of their children, and would, perhaps, awaken more interest in their minds concerning the progress of the school.

With many thanks for the generous support the School Committee have given me for the last three years, and for the courteous treatment received from teachers, this report is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD DIXON,

Superintendent of Schools.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## RESOURCES.

Amount unexpended, April 30, 1885.....	\$121 22
Town appropriation for 1885.....	1,500 00
Received for Milford scholars.....	6 00
"    Upton .....	26 50
Income from dog tax.....	98 63
Received from State School Fund.....	210 60
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	\$1,962 95

## EXPENDED.

Teachers' wages*.....	\$1,684 00
Fuel and care of fire†.....	100 00
Apparatus from State School Fund.....	45 64
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	\$1,829 64
Balance in Treasury.....	133 31
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	\$1,962 95

\* Including all wages that will be due this year.

† Including what is estimated to be due.

SCHOOLS.	TERMS.	TEACHERS.	Length of School in Months.	Teacher's Wages Per Month.	Whole Number of Scholars.	Average Attendance of Scholars.	Percentage of Attendance.	Number of Pupil-teachers.	Roll of Honor.	Number Scholars Under Five Years.	Number Scholars Over Fifteen Years.	Number of Scholars in 1883-1886.	Fuel and Care of Fires.	Repairs on Schoolhouses.
High.	Fall, Winter.	O. C. B. Nason. Volney Skinner.	3 3	60 60	23 36	17. 34.78	87 97	12 12	1 16		19 17	30 27		
North.	Spring, Fall, Winter.	Mary L. Taft. "	2 1/2 2 1/2 3	24 24 28	25 21 20	22.52 19.49 12.70	98 95 67	26 18 36	8 4 3		1 3	29 32 31		
Primary.	Spring, Fall, Winter.	Mary E. Dudley. "	9 1/2 2 1/2 2 1/2	24 24 28	34 37 24	26.75 32.62 21.40	94 93 90	33 20 2	8 7 12	1 1		34 34		
Grammar.	Spring, Fall, Winter.	Sarah L. Bennett. " Mary F. Briggs.	2 2 1/2 2 1/2	36 36 32	24 30 18	20.55 28.61 17.62	94 97 98	8 1 3	7 1 8		2	19 29 27	\$24 87	\$13 75
South.	Spring, Fall, Winter.	Mary A. Barrows. "	9 1/2 2 1/2 2 1/2	20 20 24	12 15 13	10.38 10.72 12.18	94 89 73	9 0 2	5 4 3	1	1	9 12 14	11 00	70 68
East.	Spring, Fall, Winter.	Cora E. Gaskill. "	9 1/2 2 1/2 2 1/2	24 23 28	20 26 24	18.35 24.29 21.18	97 95 96	8 11 20	3 16 7		2 1 1	22 20 19	10 00	
West.	Spring, Fall, Winter.	Lottie T. Connell. "	2 2 1/2 2 1/2	20 20 20	12 15 15	9.62 12.97 12.67	84 90 91	4 24 9	1 1 2			13 13 15	6 50	50 65
Albeeville.	Spring, Fall, Winter.	Dora Taft. "	9 1/2 2 1/2 2 1/2	24 24 28	18 15 10	15.43 12.16 8.93	91 95 96	5 5 7	5 7 5		1 1	30 29 27	12 55	1 75

## TOWN WARRANT.

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WORCESTER, ss. — To either Constable of the Town of Mendon, in the County of Worcester, GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town hall, in said Mendon, on MONDAY, the first day of March, next, punctually, at ten o'clock A. M., to act on the following articles, viz. :

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2. To hear the reports of the several town officers and committees, and act thereon.

Article 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

Article 4. To raise such sums of money as are necessary to defray town charges, and make appropriations of the same.

Article 5. To determine the manner of repairing the roads and bridges in said town the year ensuing.

Article 6. To see if the town will require the School Committee annually to appoint a Superintendent of Schools.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors reported by the Selectmen, or make any alterations in the same.

Article 8. To see what measures, if any, the town will adopt to secure the speedy collection of taxes.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to continue the High School.

Article 10. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money to pay current expenses for the municipal year

commencing March 1st, 1886, in anticipation of the collection of the taxes.

Article 11. To see what measures, if any, by borrowing money or otherwise, the town will take for the redemption of town bonds maturing during the municipal year commencing March 1st, 1886.

Article 12. To bring in their ballots "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Article 13. To see if the town will continue communication by telephone with Milford, as security against destruction by fire, or act in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to pay C. H. Albee for use of well for Albeeville School, from and after Jan. 1st, 1885.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to heat the Town Hall and school rooms in the Center by furnaces or otherwise, or act in relation to the same.

Article 16. To see if the town will authorize and direct the purchase of about seven acres of land on the Milford road near the late residence of John Lane, or any part of the same, for the purpose of procuring road material, or act in relation thereto.

Article 17. To see what action, if any, the town will take towards the purchase of a piano.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting: at the post-office, and on the door of the schoolhouse in Albeeville, and at the post-office at South Milford.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen or Town Clerk, before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon, this eighteenth day of

February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

GUSTAVUS B. WILLIAMS,	}	Selectmen of Mendon.
ALBERT W. GASKILL,		
LIBERTY FREEMAN,		

A true copy. Attest:

Constable of Mendon.

REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
AND  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,  
FOR THE  
TOWN OF MENDON,  
FOR THE  
SCHOOL YEAR 1886-7.

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## REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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The following report of the school expenditures for the year is respectfully submitted.

### DR.

To ten town orders,	\$2370 00	
To cash in Home National Bank,	241 63	
	<hr/>	\$2611 63

### CR.

Instruction, fuel and care of rooms,	\$2127 70	
School books and supplies,	248 48	
Incidentals,	118 84	
Cash in Home National Bank,	116 61	
	<hr/>	\$2611 63

### OLD BILLS.

Mary L. Taft,	\$84 00	
Lottie T. Cornwell,	55 00	
Mary F. Briggs,	80 00	
Dora Taft,	82 50	
Volney Skinner,	120 00	
W. W. Nelson, wood, fitting same and care of fires,	27 50	
Frederick Bates, wood, fitting same and care of fires,	7 20	
Lewis Wood, care of fires,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$458 20

### NORTH.

Dora Taft,	\$140 00	
Mary L. Aldrich,	56 00	
W. W. Nelson, wood,	10 00	
“ “ fitting same,	2 00	
“ “ care of fires,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$211 00

## CENTRE—PRIMARY AND GRAMMAR.

Clara Hunt,	\$152 00	
A. May Towns,	32 00	
Mary E. Dudley,	199 00	
A. W. Gaskill, wood,	6 25	
A. A. Taft, “	8 00	
Edward H. Taft, “	5 00	
Dixon boys, fitting same,	6 75	
“ care of fires,	6 00	
Ann Quigley, cleaning school-room,	2 00	
Julia Brigdale, “ “	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$418 00

## SOUTH.

Mary A. Barrows,	\$176 00	
“ “ care of fires,	4 00	
J. G. Barrows, wood and fitting,	6 50	
	<hr/>	\$186 50

## EAST.

Cora E. Gaskill,	\$196 00	
Frederick Bates, wood and fitting same,	6 50	
	<hr/>	\$202 50

## WEST.

Mary E. Southwick,	\$196 00	
Frank H. Wood, wood and fitting same,	6 50	
“ “ care of fires,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$205 50

## ALBEEVILLE.

Hattie E. Freeman,	\$196 00	
“ “ care of fires,	4 00	
W. J. Taft, wood and fitting same,	6 50	
Liberty Freeman, wood and fitting same,	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$209 00

## HIGH SCHOOL.

J. Q. Hayward,	\$237 00
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## INCIDENTALS.

Cowperthwait & Co., supplies,	\$ 2 45
F. M. Ambrose, " "	4 00
" dictionary,	7 00
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., dictionary,	8 17
" " " reading charts,	12 00
Liberty Freeman, supplies (No. 6),	2 67
A. P. Scribner, express,	8 30
W. J. Taft, repairs, supplies and cash paid,	5 00
Edward Dixon, repairs, " fare to Boston and cash paid,	8 05
W. W. Nelson, " "	1 25
F. H. Wood, supplies,	85
Bartlett & Ellis, " "	70
J. G. Barrows, " "	95
W. E. Dixon, for census of scholars (No. 2),	1 50
A. W. Judson, repairs and labor,	2 00
King & Merrill, supplies (No. 4),	5 00
" " "	2 28
" maps,	4 00
Edward Dixon, services as school book agent,	30 00
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	\$106 17

## OLD BILLS.

W. W. Nelson,	\$5 72
Dora Taft,	1 00
A. W. Judson,	3 50
Edward Dixon,	2 45
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	\$12 67

EDWARD DIXON, Treasurer.

FRANK H. WOOD, Chairman,  
 EDWARD DIXON, Secretary,  
 WILLIAM W. NELSON,  
 FREDERICK BATES,  
 W. J. TAFT,  
 JOHN G. BARROWS,

School Committee.

## SCHOOL BOOK AGENT'S REPORT.

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To the School Committee of Mendon :

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit the school book account for the year :

### DR.

To books and supplies on hand,	\$ 25 86
To books and supplies purchased this year,	248 48
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	\$274 34

### CR.

By books and supplies furnished :	
High School,	\$68 47
Grammar school,	22 88
Primary school,	29 14
North school,	14 79
South school,	13 20
East school,	34 42
West school,	14 05
Albeevilleschool,	11 87
Drawing paper, practice paper, etc.,	8 44
Books and supplies on hand,	57 08
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	\$274 34

Cost of books and supplies for the year, \$217.26.

EDWARD DIXON, Agent.

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

### RESOURCES.

Town appropriation,	\$1,500 00
Income from state school fund,	210 88
Income from dog tax,	117 13
Balance in treasury, last report,	133 31
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	\$1961 32

### EXPENDED.

Paid for instruction, fuel and care of rooms,	\$1685 49
Teacher's wages still unpaid,	163 00
Apparatus from state school fund,	31 62
Balance in treasury,	81 21
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	\$1961 32

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

FELLOW CITIZENS OF MENDON:—In compliance with my duty as superintendent, I herewith submit the following report relative to our public schools. I regret very much that the practice is not such as would permit me to defer this report until all the schools have closed; at the present time the High and Grammar schools are yet in session. As my acquaintance with many of the schools dates from the beginning of the school year, it will be impossible for me to compare their progress the past year with the preceding years; yet our schools are in such a prosperous condition at the present time that I feel justified in saying that never have they made greater progress than during the past year, the praise for which belongs entirely to our most excellent teachers.

At the beginning of the year the school committee made a slight increase in the monthly pay of our district school teachers and, although this increase necessitated a school year of twenty-eight weeks instead of thirty as last year, yet the result proves its wisdom, as all the schools have been, during the entire year, under the management of teachers who had already proved themselves to be well fitted for school work.

I earnestly recommend such an increase of the school appropriation as will enable the committee to continue paying the present rate of wages to our teachers with a school year of thirty weeks. Such increase would most certainly benefit our schools and in my judgment would be economy on the part of the town. The time has come when we must pay larger salaries, or conduct our schools with inferior and inexperienced teachers. I do not believe we should procure our teachers from out of town, but that we should pay such salaries as will be sufficient to enable us to retain in our schools as teachers those of our High school graduates who have proved themselves to be competent and successful in school work.

No change of teachers has been made during the year in any of the schools except in the Grammar and North. In these two schools the resignation of Miss Hunt and Miss Taft at the end of the Fall term made a change necessary. The Grammar school was taught during the spring and fall terms by Miss Clara Hunt, of Canton. Miss Hunt proved herself to be a very capable teacher and at the time of her resignation the school would com-

pare favorably with any in town, although at the beginning of the year its grade was far below the average. Miss Alice M. Towns of Malden was engaged to teach the school during the winter term. This teacher has brought new life into the school and this term promises to be a most prosperous one.

The Primary school was in charge of Miss Mary E. Dudley during the entire year. Under this most excellent teacher great progress was made, and the school is at present a model school in every respect.

Miss Cora E. Gaskill had charge of the East school during the year and maintained her high reputation as a teacher.

Mrs. John G. Barrows taught the South school during the year, and substantial progress was made by each scholar.

The North school was taught during the spring and fall terms by Miss Dora Taft. This school at the beginning of the year was in standard far below the other schools, but, under the management of Miss Taft, great progress was made, and it will compare favorably with any in town. Miss Taft resigned her position at the close of the fall term to accept a far better one in a neighboring town, to which her success as a teacher certainly entitled her. The winter term was taught by Miss Mary L. Aldrich and good progress was made.

The West school was taught during the year by Miss Mary Southwick. This teacher possessed the confidence of both parents and pupils and gave good satisfaction to all interested in the school.

The Albeeville school was most fortunate in securing so successful a teacher as Mrs. Hattie E. Freeman, who had charge of the school during the year. Under the excellent management of this teacher the school made great progress.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

The condition of this school at the beginning of the year was far from satisfactory. It had been conducted without much system and the pupils, the larger part of whom left the school at the end of the second or third years, seemed to have lost much interest in their studies. To remedy these serious evils the committee adopted a course of studies for the school, which, though at first producing some opposition from the pupils and parents, has proved to be of so great advantage as to cause all to accept it as a great advance in the management of our High school. Mr. J. Q. Hayward of Acton has had charge of this school during the year. Mr. Hayward is a hard-working, conscientious teacher and under his administration the school is making great progress. If he could have had the undivided support of the parents and friends of the school, I have no hesitation in saying that this year would have been the most prosperous one in the history of the school. It matters not who may be the teacher of any school,



unless he or she receives earnest support from the parents it will be impossible for that school to reach the highest degree of success.

The irregular attendance of certain scholars demands our most serious attention. In one of our schools the attendance of many pupils has been so irregular as to greatly interfere with its success. The correction of this evil lies almost entirely within the power of the parents, and it is their duty to insist that their children shall attend school every day unless prevented by sickness.

That the parents do not visit the schools oftener is a matter to be very much regretted. Those parents who have children at school should visit that school at least once during each month. Such visits encourage the teacher; show to the child that someone besides the teacher is watching his progress in his studies; create a closer relationship between parent and teacher; enable the parent to judge of the progress of the school from its appearance and not from mere hearsay; and prevent much misunderstanding between the teacher and parent.

Several new text-books have been introduced in the High school during the year to meet the requirements of the new course. No change has been made in the other schools. The Albeeville school house needs shingling and new furniture should be placed in the South.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of those who have been neither absent nor tardy for one or more terms. In the schools now in session the record is to Feb. 11.

### PRIMARY SCHOOL.

#### ONE TERM.

Bessie F. Cook,  
Clare W. Hastings,  
Norman Wheeler,  
Edward E. Gunn,  
Nathan Towne,

Gertrude E. Nutter,  
Iola M. Wheeler,  
Archibald Gunn,  
Bertie A. Albrow,  
Harry Dudley.

#### TWO TERMS.

Maggie L. Crawford,  
Sabrey N. Moores,  
Walter F. Towne,

Bertha E. Hastings,  
Harry Dixon,  
Clarence H. Moores.

#### ONE YEAR.

Fred H. Crawford,  
Jerry Driscoll,

Everett F. Darling.

## EAST SCHOOL.

## ONE TERM.

Charles E. Cook,  
 William B. P. Mongur,  
 Minnie M. Barrows,  
 Grace E. Collins,  
 Bertha S. Sprague,  
 Jessie L. Bates,

Frank G. Collins,  
 Arthur B. Sprague,  
 Annie E. Collins,  
 Hannah S. Gaskill,  
 Anna M. Staples,  
 Norman C. Cook.

## TWO TERMS.

Herbert D. Chilson,  
 Bertha V. Horton,  
 Alzie R. Staples,

Marion E. Howe,  
 Cora M. Mongur,

## ONE YEAR.

John D. Bates,  
 George A. Rockwood,  
 William A. Rockwood,

Oscar A. Newhall,  
 Waldo A. Rockwood.

## SOUTH SCHOOL.

## ONE TERM.

Lula E. Pickering,  
 Ida M. Barrows,  
 Harry J. Martin,

Leon D. Moore,  
 Willie Martin.

## TWO TERMS.

Jesse E. Cook,

| Grace G. Cook.

## NORTH SCHOOL.

## ONE TERM.

Mabel Ballou,  
 Willie Warner,  
 Alice Quigley,

Mary Foley,  
 Ora Davenport.

## TWO TERMS.

John Grady.

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## WEST SCHOOL.

## ONE TERM.

Annie B. Aldrich,  
 Josephine A. Burnham,  
 Frank G. Taft,

Eddie M. Aldrich,  
 Nancy C. Wood.

## TWO TERMS.

Samuel W. Wood.

|

## ONE YEAR.

William S. Southwick,

| Waldo M. Thayer.



## GRAMMAR SCHOOL TO FEB. 11.

## ONE TERM.

Fred Brown,  
Arthur V. Pond,  
Clarence A. Taft,

Harry C. Cook,  
Ethel Williams,  
Ernest L. Tucker.

## TWO TERMS.

Emily S. Moores,  
Morton A. Holbrook,  
John D. Tucker,

Mary F. Staples,  
Abigail Taft.

## ONE YEAR.

Florence E. Snow.

## ALBEEVILLE SCHOOL.

## ONE TERM.

Bertha F. Albee,  
Daniel McKenna,  
Clair W. Freeman,

Cora Taft,  
Eddie Cunningham.

## TWO TERMS.

F. Mason Kingsley.

## ONE YEAR.

Estine Taft,  
F. Ina Taft,

Hattie F. Albee.

## HIGH SCHOOL TO FEB. 11.

## ONE TERM.

Fred H. Brown,  
Grace Darling,  
Clifton E. Bates,  
Franklin Freeman,  
Charles F. Pond,

Florence H. Taft,  
Silas Taft,  
Moses U. Gaskill,  
Percy F. Kingsley.

## ONE YEAR.

Annie B. Aldrich,  
Bertha F. Albee,  
James H. Morris,

Cora Taft,  
John T. Morris.

## COURSE OF STUDIES ADOPTED FOR HIGH SCHOOL.

## FALL TERM.

English Grammar,  
Physiology,  
Algebra,

## WINTER TERM.

English Grammar,  
Physiology,  
Algebra.

Latin optional.

## SECOND YEAR.

## FALL TERM.

Algebra,  
Physical Geography,  
Physics.

## WINTER TERM.

Arithmetic,  
Physical Geography,  
Physics.

Latin optional.

## THIRD YEAR.

## FALL TERM.

Arithmetic,  
General History.  
Chemistry.

## WINTER TERM.

Geometry,  
General History,  
Chemistry.

Latin optional.

## FOURTH YEAR.

## FALL TERM.

Geometry,  
Chemistry,  
English Literature,  
Rhetoric.

## WINTER TERM.

Geometry,  
Rhetoric,  
English Literature,  
Political Economy.

Latin optional.

Reading, Declamations, Compositions, Spelling and Writing throughout the course. Written examinations monthly. Each scholar who does not reach at least 60 per cent in any study must review that study the next year. At the end of the course each scholar who has not less than 60 per cent in each study and an average of 65 per cent in all shall be entitled to a diploma.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. TAFT,  
Supt. of Schools.

SCHOOLS.	TERMS.	TEACHERS.	Length of School in Months.	Teacher's Wages Per Month.	Whole Number of Scholars.	Average Attendance of Scholars.	Number of Pardisnesses.	Roll of Honor.	Number of Schol- ars under five.	Number of Schol- ars over fifteen.	Amount paid Teachers.
HIGH.	Fall. Winter.	J. Q. Hayward..... " " " " " " " "	3	\$60 60	40 39	35.5 35.3	16 10	6 13		232 232	\$180
	Spring. Fall. Winter.	Clara Hunt..... " " " " " " " " A. May Towns.....	24 24 24	32 32 32	18 19 19	16.3 17.3 16.3	2 7 0	7 6 6	0 0 0	1 1 3	72 80
	Spring. Fall. Winter.	Mary E. Dudley..... " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	24 24 1 1/2	28 28 30	32 38 26	29 33 21.3	8 18 12	11 12 8	1 0 0	0 0 0	77 77 45
NORTH.	Spring. Fall. Winter.	Dora Taft..... " " " " " " " " Mary L. Aldrich....	24 24 2	28 28 28	22 25 18	26.6 19.4 9.9	7 20 16	4 2 1	1 0 0	0 0 0	70 70 56
	Spring. Fall. Winter.	Cora E. Gaskill..... " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	24 24 2	28 28 28	24 22 19	23.9 21.3 16.4	2 3 0	20 12 5	0 0 0	0 0 0	70 70 56
SOUTH.	Spring. Fall. Winter.	Mrs. M. A. Barrows.. " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	24 24 2	24 24 28	10 11 13	8.2 9.7 10.6	0 1 2	4 5 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	60 60 56
	Spring. Fall. Winter.	Mary S. Southwick.. " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	24 24 2	28 28 28	12 13 9	11 8.1 7.4	1 0 0	7 3 3	0 0 0	0 0 0	70 70 56
ALBEEVILLE.	Spring. Fall. Winter.	Mrs. H. E. Freeman.. " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	24 24 2	23 28 28	15 13 8	13.2 10.4 7.3	1 2 12	7 4 5	0 0 1	0 0 0	70 70 56

## TOWN WARRANT.

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WORCESTER, ss.—To the Constable of the Town of Mendon,  
in the County of Worcester, GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall, in said Mendon, on MONDAY, the seventh day of March, next, punctually at ten o'clock, A. M., to act on the following articles, viz. :—

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2. To hear the reports of the several town officers and committees, and act thereon.

Article 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

Article 4. To raise such sums of money as are necessary to defray town charges, and make appropriations of the same.

Article 5. To determine the manner of repairing the roads and bridges in said town the year ensuing.

Article 6. To see if the town will require the School Committee annually to appoint a Superintendent of schools.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors reported by the Selectmen, or make any alterations in the same.

Article 8. To see what measures, if any, the town will adopt to secure the speedy collection of taxes.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to continue the High School.

Article 10. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money to pay current expenses for the municipal year commencing March 7th, 1887, in anticipation of the collection of the taxes.

Article 11. To see what measures, if any, by borrowing money or otherwise, the town will take for the redemption of town bonds maturing during the municipal year commencing March 7th, 1887.

Article 12. To bring in their ballots "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Article 13. To see if the town will continue communication by telephone with Milford, as security against destruction by fire, or act in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see what special repairs, if any, the town will vote to make upon the road, watercourses, and approaches to the houses of abutters, between the residence of David Adams and that of G. B. Williams.

Article 15. To see if the town will authorize and instruct the selectmen or any other officers or agents to procure and set up hay-scales for public use, or otherwise act in relation to procuring hay-scales.

Article 16. To see if the town will adopt Sections 32, 33 and 34 of Chapter 60 of the Public Statutes.

Article 17. To see if the town will reconsider its former vote or votes in regard to closing the Town Hall at 12 o'clock, midnight, and authorize the opening of the same till 2 o'clock A. M., or act in any way in regard to opening and closing said hall.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to purchase or hire the M. E. church property on Main street, or act in any way in regard to such purchase or hiring.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to diminish the number of its school committee.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to repay Bridget Casey the sums she claims as illegally assessed upon her real estate.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to repay real estate taxes alleged to be illegally assessed to George H. Wood or Betsey Wood.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to pay the claims of H. A. Aldrich for use of his premises and damage done to his property by scholars and town officers.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting; at the post-office, and on the door of the schoolhouse in Albeeville, and at the post-office at South Milford.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the selectmen or Town Clerk, before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon, this seventeenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven.

GUSTAVUS B. WILLIAMS,	} Selectmen of Mendon.
ALBERT W. GASKILL,	
LIBERTY FREEMAN,	

A true copy. Attest:

Constable of Mendon.

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## TOWN GRANTS FOR 1886.

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Schools,	\$1500 00
Text books and supplies,	200 00
Poor,	1000 00
Roads and bridges,	1000 00
Town debt,	1000 00
Interest,	300 00
Incidentals,	400 00
Library,	150 00
	<hr/> \$5550 00